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Hon. Vernon Williams, Secretary
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Re: Florida West Coast Railroad Company, Inc. -- Abandonment and Discontinuance
of Service -- In Alachua and Gilchrist Counties, Florida -- Surface Transportation
Docket Number AB-347 (Sub-No. 3X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

This letter is being filed on behalf of the Florida West Coast Railroad Company, Inc. (FWCR) in response to the December 1, 2004 request by the Office of Greenways and Trails of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). By that letter, FDEP has requested that the Surface Transportation Board grant a Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above referenced proceeding.

At this time, FWCR is not able to commit to interim trails use for the subject line; however, please be advised that the FWCR is now willing to cooperate with negotiations with respect to the possibility of interim trails use. Accordingly, FWCR has no objection to the Board's granting FDEP's petition for an Interim Trails Use Condition.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORIDA WEST COAST RAILROAD
COMPANY, INC.

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